**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)** Docket No. Applicant(s): M. Yoshimura 01070065AA Serial No. Filing Date Examiner **Group Art Unit** 09/537,775 March 29, 2000 2662 S. Tsegaye Invention: SWITCHING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PASSIVE OPTICAL NETWORK **SYSTEM** MAY 2 5 2004 TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** CLAIMS REMAINING HIGHEST # NUMBER EXTRA **ADDITIONAL** RATE AFTER AMENDMENT PREV. PAID FOR **CLAIMS PRESENT** FEE **TOTAL CLAIMS** 28 28 \$18.00  $0 \mid x$ \$0.00 INDEP. CLAIMS 2 3 = 0 x \$86.00 \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$0.00 RECEIVED No additional fee is required for amendment. MAY 2 8 2004 Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of Technology Center 2600 A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2041 Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Dated: May 25, 2004 C. Lamont Whitham Reg No. 22,424 I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C. 11491 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 340 for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, ALexandria, VA 22313-1450. Reston, Virginia 20190 703-787-9400 Customer Number: 30743 Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence HAND DELIVERED CC: Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: There are no amendments to the specification in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: Amendments to the claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: There are no amendments to the drawings in this paper.

Remarks: The "REMARKS" section begins on page 12 of this paper.